

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

### **Listing of the claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A respirator assembly comprising: a first sub-assembly adapted to be worn on the head and including a ~~seal~~gasket adapted to seal against the periphery of the user's face when worn; and a second sub-assembly separable from the first sub-assembly but selectively co-operable therewith, the second sub-assembly comprising a face piece adapted to co-operate with the first sub-assembly to define therewith a facial cavity bounded by said ~~seal~~gasket, an inlet connectable to a source of breathing gas for supply to the user and an outlet for the exhaustion of exhaled gas from the user.
2. (Previously presented) A respirator assembly according to claim 1 wherein the first and second sub-assemblies are completely separable whereby the first sub-assembly can be worn alone, the second sub-assembly being demountably attachable to the first sub-assembly.
3. (Currently amended) A respirator assembly according to claim 2 wherein the first sub-assembly comprises headgear including a substantially rigid ring structure adapted to be juxtaposed to the user's face when the headgear is donned and from which said ~~seal~~gasket extends to engage around the periphery of the user's face, the second sub-assembly being configured to be mounted to said ring structure and secured thereto by at least one releasable fastener.
4. (Previously presented) A respirator assembly according to claim 1 wherein the second sub-assembly is articulated to the first sub-assembly.
5. (Previously presented) A respirator assembly according to claim 1 wherein the first sub-assembly comprises headgear in the form of a flexible hood of air-permeable material.

6. (Previously presented) A respirator assembly according to claim 1 wherein the second sub-assembly includes an oronasal mask to be disposed within said facial cavity.
7. (Previously presented) A respirator assembly according to claim 1 wherein said face piece includes a demountable lens portion.